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PEOPLE'S POLICE KEEPS STRICT HOLD ON EAST GERMANS

Berlin, 9 October -- The West Berlin newspaper Montags-Echo reports that the entire People's Police corps in Thüringen was put in the highest stage of alert on the night of 8 October. Special detachments of the People's Police were dispatched by truck from the cities into the country, and in Gotha, Weimar, Jena, Erfurt, and a number of other cities, the People's Police were put to work tearing down bills and placards which urged the population to boycott the so-called election on 15 October.

According to the newspaper, numerous clashes occurred in Liebenstein, Eisenach, Meiningen, Erfurt, and Weimar, where the People's Police were attacked by the population. Twenty-five persons are said to have been arrested.

ELECTION CRITICISM DRAWS SEVERE SENTENCE -- Stockholm, Svenska Dagbladet, 20 Oct 50

Berlin, 19 October -- An East Berlin court sentenced Paul Zeibig today to 2½ years' imprisonment for having described the election on 15 October as a gigantic hoax and for having called President Pieck a traitor to the workers.

REQUIRE POLICE CLEARANCE FOR PHONE CALLS ABROAD -- Stockholm Dagens Nyheter,  
10 Oct 50

Berlin, 9 October -- Telephone calls abroad from Eastern Germany may no longer be made without previously notifying the People's Police, it is reported by the West Berlin newspaper Montags-Echo. The People's Police has the right to forbid the call if, in its opinion, such a call would be dangerous to the security of the state.

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